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SUBJECT: ROK UN POLICY.

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG-CHIN, IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JANUARY 12, REITERATED DESIRE TO COMMENCE CONSULTATIONS WITH US ON UN POLICY IN EARLY FEBRUARY. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS WITH UN CORE GROUP, BUT WAS CONCERNED BY PRESSURES OF JAPANESE AND CANADIANS FOR EARLY TALKS IN NEW YORK AND THEIR GENERALLY NEGATIVE VIEWS TOWARDS NEXT YEAR'S UNGA. HE FELT THERE WAS LESS URGENCY IN DECIDING ON TACTICS FOR THE UN. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT ASEAN GROUP AND A FEW NORDIC COUNTRIES WHO HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN SEEKING A COMPROMISE AT LAST UNGA, PLAN TO MEET IN EARLY APRIL TO CONSIDER KOREAN ITEM. HE FELT THAT WE SHOULD HAVE FIRMER VIEWS BY THE TIME THIS GROUP MEETS.

2. IN MORE GENERAL VEIN, FONMIN INTENDS TO FOCUS ROKG DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS ON KEY ALLIES, PARTICULARLY US AND JAPAN, AND A FEW THIRD WORLD NATIONS WHERE ROKG HAS SOME PROSPECT FOR SUCCESS, RATHER THAN SPREADING ITS EFFORTS  
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ALL OVER THE WORLD. SIMILARLY, WHATEVER TACTICS ARE DECIDED

UPON, HE WOULD PREFER TO PUT LESS IMPORTANCE AND EMPHASIS ON RESULTS OF UNGA TO EXTEND OF DOWNGRADING ROK ATTENDANCE AND NOT AGAIN ENGAGING IN ALL OUT EFFORT ACROSS THE BOARD. PRESIDENT PARK, HE SAID, FAVORS THIS APPROACH AND DESIRES A CHANGE IN UN TACTICS, PER SE. FONMIN MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT ALL OPTIONS ARE OPEN AND ROKG WILL COME TO NO DECISION UNTIL AFTER FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH US.

3. PERSONALLY FONMIN INTENDS TO TRAVEL ABROAD A GREAT DEAL LESS THAN HIS PREDECESSOR. AT PRESENT HE PLANS ONLY TWO VISITS TO US NEXT YEAR, FIRST IN LATE MARCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN SEPTEMBER AT OPENING OF UNGA. HE WOULD HOPE TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING LATE MARCH-EARLY APRIL FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY USG OFFICIALS.  
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